IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

APPELLANTS: Birkhoelzer et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 7671

SERIAL NO.: 09/992,974 GROUP ART UNIT: 2152

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

SIR:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed on July 16, 2009. The undersigned representative of the Appellants had already discussed this issue with the Examiner by telephone and, in response to that discussion, submitted a corrected Appeal Brief on July 16, 2009. In that telephone discussion, the Examiner requested that the revised Appeal Brief be submitted immediately, which was done. The Examiner in that telephone discussion did not state that a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was going to be sent, and Appellants submit this has now merely complicated matters.

In any event, the Appeal Brief submitted on July 16, 2009 responds to all of the informalities indicated on the July 16, 2009 Notice. Appellants are filing the present Response so that it will not appear that the Notice dated July 16, 2009 has not been responded to.

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